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## A Brief history

Where the Yadkin River tumbles over Cooleemee Falls between Davie and Rowan counties, kids slide down slick rock surfaces on bare legs or inner tubes while adults dangle their feet in the chilly water. Because here, anyone can be a kid.

The Bullhole legend has it that, years ago, a bull ox hauling timber across the river slipped near the falls and disappeared into a whirlpool. This popular summer hangout was once the site of one of Rowan County's largest gristmills, as well as many late 19th-century Masonic picnics.

Visit The Bullhole to swim, hike, fish, sunbathe, and slide. Stand under the falls for a pounding massage; take a freezing dip in one of the deep swimming holes; bury your friends in the sand on the beach. Because here, anyone can be a kid.

***-Katie King, Our State Magazine***